## The Cochin Civil Disabilities Removal Bill

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Civil Disabilities Removal Bill be taken up and finally passed.

**Mr. K. Ayyappan** *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* I second it.

*Motion put and carried*

## * The Cochin Makkathayam Thiyya Bill

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave of the House to present the Select Committee report on the Cochin Makkathayam Thiyya Bill. The Select Committee made only very few alterations in the substantial portions of the Bill. The most important change effected by the Select Committee is in regard to inheritance. Instead of giving one-third share to the daughter as originally proposed, the Select Committee has reported to give half of the son's share to the daughter. With regard to other Chapters, very few changes have been made. Only some imperfections and mistakes in the drafting are made clear and a minimum age has been fixed by section 6 for marriage. Originally as the Bill was drafted, no penalty was prescribed for violating the minimum age provision. Some penalties have now been incorporated therefor. I beg leave of the House to move that the Report be taken up for consideration.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I second it.

**Mr. President:** I am afraid it is not possible for me to take all the amendments of which late notice has been given. The Bill has gone to the Select Committee and has been published, and unless amendments are not given sufficiently in advance, I do not think, there is any justification for the rule regarding the minimum time. It creates a lot of confusion; members have no time to think over the matter and the progress of the Bill is being delayed. So, unless the amendments are of a verbal nature or are well understood or have the unanimous support of the House, I do not think I should allow amendments at a late stage as this.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, I shall move only the amendment with regard to Clause 5. It is only a verbal alteration, to delete only one word.

*Clauses 2, 3 and 4 put and carried*

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The Hon'ble Member Mr. Viswambharan wants to delete the word "Marayan". They are really called Thiyyas or Ezhuvas in the documents. He

* Appendix II

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